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REPLY TO NON-RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT & RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated September 8, 2008 and Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment dated January 26, 2009, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes:

Amendment to the Claims beginning at page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks beginning at page 7 of this paper.